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Claire Karaguesian (centre) plays the Snow Queen during the Heritage Ballet's a performance of The Nutcracker Dec. 1. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

New Dysart council eager to get to work

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts described her new council as "champing at the bit" to get to work.

The new township council was inaugurated in a ceremony Dec. 3. The council also features new deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy, new councillors Larry Clarke and John Smith, as well as returning incumbents Nancy Wood-Roberts, Tammy

Donaldson and Walt McKechnie.

"I feel very positive," Roberts said in an interview before her inauguration. "In a way, I see my job as not holding people back, but in order to make good decisions and move a municipality forward in direction, we have to get focused."

Roberts said she plans to have councillors chair all of the council's committees, keep councils to one meeting a month and create a new infrastructure committee

compromised of councillors.

She said she expects the council to work similarly to previous iterations, given the experience at the table. But she added she hopes to stoke more dialogue.

"We have had a lot of things that I would say there wasn't a lot of discussion. I sometimes felt embarrassed I was the only one with my hand up. It will be very different for me at the head of the table," Roberts said.

Kennedy is stepping into the deputy mayor's role as a non-incumbent. He said the election was a great learning experience, which he must apply to his new position.

"I've got to put what I've learned here and put it to work," Kennedy said after his election win. "Right now, we all have lots of priorities and I'm just part of a team and whatever's decided as a group, I'm more than happy to push forward with that."

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Devolin says new council reflective of community

By Lisa Gervais

Mayor Brent Devolin said 2014-2018 had been productive years at Minden Hills council with benchmarks moved.

Speaking at the township's inaugural meeting this past Monday night, Devolin thanked the public for its participation and keeping council on its toes. He also thanked staff and said he looked forward to the next four years of working with them.

He also paid tribute to departing councillors, Jeanne Neville, who attended the meeting and Cheryl Murdoch. He added he is looking forward to working with new councillors, Bob Carter and Jennifer Hughey.

Returning as deputy mayor for the first time is Lisa Schell, while Ron Nesbitt is back as councillor-at-large, Jean Neville in Ward 3 and Pam Sayne in Ward 2.

"I think in terms of age distribution here, gender, whatever, this is pretty balanced and I think we're reflective of our community," Devolin said.

He added, "I would say to the public, of the seven of us, there should be at least one, if you have a problem or concern or something that just ticks you off, reach out to one of us and help us act as your advocate in determining what we do and don't do."

Schell said she was honoured to be deputy mayor, replacing Murdoch. "I know I have some big shoes to fill. I promise you I will give it my all."

She knows it's not always a popular job, because not everyone will be happy with decisions. However, she recalled Peter Oyler advising her once "do for the many,



The newly-inaugurated Minden Hills council poses for a photo on Dec. 3. Photo by Lisa Gervais

not for the few." She says she bases her decisions on what the majority of ratepayers and residents would want.

She also urged people to become educated on council issues.

"This past election showed how much people actually aren't aware of events, public meetings, and facts. Get the facts, folks. It's so important to understand how your local government works and why we make the decisions we do."

Carter joked "it's a long time between the election and when you actually start, especially when you don't know exactly what it is you're going to be doing ... and they haven't given you any documents yet ... I just learned the secret handshake in

the hallway ... it's amazing what I have to learn." He said he'd work with integrity and always try to do his best for the people of Minden Hills.

Hughey is looking "forward to working with everyone at this table. And I want to support this table. I'm definitely looking forward to learning as much as I can in the four years."

Sayne said there is a heavy agenda ahead with a lot of decision-making. She added that science has proven that consensus is the best form of decision-making.

"It's not the most experienced person, the smartest person or the most articulate person in the room. I'd like to encourage more discussion, people coming from their

positions and also for the community to add what they have in their perspectives. It's the only way we're going to make the best decisions for all of us."

Neville is honoured and pleased to be on council for another term. She's looking forward to working with the new members, who have great ideas and lots of energy.

"So, we have seedlings of projects on the go which I hope to see to fruition. And, hopefully we can do good things in this coming term of council."

Nesbitt said he's honoured and privileged. He said he loves working with council colleagues, the staff and the general publ. "I just love my job."

Dysart councillors discuss priorities at inaugural meeting

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Wood-Roberts said she wants to consider things that come before her in terms of how it will affect youth and seniors.

"Those are the things that I have a tendency to look at when we're talking about expenses that would greatly increase our tax rate," Wood-Roberts said in an interview.

Donaldson said she hopes to get the issue of short-term rentals in control during the next term. "I'm kind of excited to see how

this term will go," she said in an interview. "It will be different. I'm just not sure in which way yet, but in a good way."

Smith said he has four priorities he wants to push as a councillor: keeping lakes and forests healthy, putting more resources to roads, expanded internet coverage and additional rental units.

"It's essential that we as seven councillors sit down at the beginning of our term and document our collective priorities," Smith

said in an interview. "Success as a council is going to come from us identifying a collective set of council priorities."

Clarke said housing would be a big issue, adding there is a need for the municipality to plan well.

"The community has changed over the last couple of years. Both the expectations and needs have changed," Clarke said in an interview. "We need to do a bit of an assessment on what our current service

delivery is."

McKechnie said the new council has to work together as a team, noting infrastructure and environmental are big issues. But, he added money is a major hurdle.

"The province has got to help out more," McKechnie said in an interview. "I don't know how they're going to, because they're pretty well broke too."

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Left to right: Lisa Barry, Julia Shortreed, Carol Moffatt, Liz Danielsen and Jennifer Dailloux were sworn in to office December 4. Moffatt said they are the third all-female council in the province's history. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

AH mayor wants to challenge the status quo

By Lisa Gervais

In what may have been the most understated inauguration in Haliburton County this past week, Algonquin Highlands took care of business in just 13 minutes this past Tuesday.

Mayor Carol Moffatt made the only address and Liz Danielsen was returned as deputy-mayor.

Moffatt said she was honoured to continue as mayor and thanked her council colleagues for stepping forward to represent its citizens.

"The public has placed in us its faith that we will make good, useful decisions," Moffatt said. "And, even though some of those decisions won't be popular, the most important thing is to keep the conversation going for a greater two-way understanding on any issue."

She said Algonquin Highlands has a long history of progressive thinking and she knows that they will work together as a team to continue that legacy.

"Our decision-making here is based on common sense that includes ensuring the outcomes are fair, beneficial and necessary for the greatest good."

She added they will take care of the day-to-day business of council but also complete some big projects.

She noted the biggest challenge will be continuing to find the balance amongst the varied interests of three distinct communities.

She said those communities are changing in many ways, and for many reasons. She

said the greater good of the landscape seems to be differing day to day as well.

"I believe Algonquin Highlands is at a crossroads where our teamwork will be paramount in crafting long-term vision for the community. And I know that we'll craft that vision with civility and respect not only for ourselves, but for staff and the public we represent."

Moffatt expressed hope that the next four years will see Algonquin Highlands continue on the path of critical thinking, innovation and success "and a little bit of fun along the way too".

"I want us to challenge the status quo, and if we find along the way that we're the status quo, then we need to challenge ourselves to be better, to do more and to think differently."

Councillor Lisa Barry nominated Danielsen for deputy mayor saying, "she brings two terms as that role, and I'd love to see her continue in that. She's passionate about the county as a whole and brings the best voice of Algonquin Highlands."

In accepting, Danielsen said "I really appreciate it. It's a role that I take seriously and I will do my best to continue to represent Algonquin Highlands and the County of Haliburton."

Near the end of the short meeting, Moffatt did mention that they were the third all-female council in provincial history.

She said they'd been contacted by Minister of Status of Women Maryam Monsef and there may be a phone call in future to recognize the feat.

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A square culvert installed by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association at Gould's crossing. The association is seeking additional funding to help with unexpected costs in the project. *Photo by Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.*

Dysart news

Outdoors association seeks help from town on costs

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is seeking financial support from Dysart et al due to unforeseen costs in its restoration project.

HHOA vice president of marketing and education, Rusty Rustenburg, presented to Dysart et al council at its Nov. 27 meeting. Rustenburg showcased the results of the project at Gould's crossing, where a new square culvert was installed to manage the floodplain and restore the creek.

The cost of the project has been covered 70 per cent by HHOA, Rustenburg said, with the County of Haliburton also providing about \$20,000 and Dysart et al council providing \$3,000 to date. However, due to unexpected costs, such as the use of a crane to move the new culverts, the group needs approximately an additional \$25,000.

Rustenburg said with the added costs, the group hopes Dysart et al can offer more support.

"Whatever you can help us out with, it would be good," he said.

Deputy mayor Andrea Roberts said the request should be deferred and asked it to be put on the December council agenda for budget consideration.

Coun. Susan Norcross complimented the project and the efforts the group made.

"This is very impressive," she said. "It's great. That's a big difference."

New recycling company approved

Dysart et al council approved a new company to take on its recycling.

Council voted unanimously to approve a proposal for the municipality's recycling to go to Waste Connections of Canada Nov. 27.

The switch comes after the municipality's current recycler, Mid Ontario Disposal, raised rates earlier this year due to a crash in the recycling commodities market. The new contract is set to last one year starting in 2019, with recycling costs estimated at \$171,000 in 2019, according to a staff report.

In his report, director of public works Rob Camelion said the costs for Waste Connections of Canada are well under what they are paying now, including 43 per cent less for mixed fibres and 61 per cent less for commingled containers.

"The pricing did surprise me," Camelion said. "Well under what we're paying now."

More participation needed for septic re-inspections

Dysart et al is looking for ways to get more people to participate in its septic re-inspection program.

A staff report to council showed only 24 per cent of required properties have done the septic re-inspection in the first area of focus, Kennisis Lake and Little Kennisis Lake.

Council received a report on the progress of the municipal septic re-inspection program as of the end of October.

Chief building official Karl Korpela said staff would gather feedback on convincing more people to participate.

"Once we hear feedback on the ground, try to come up with some ideas, bring them to environment committee, go from there," Korpela told council.

Of the septic systems inspected, 34 per cent failed, according to the report. By comparison, Algonquin Highlands had a 39 per cent rate of systems requiring remedial action in its septic inspection report.

"If the failure rate in two townships is basically the same, that tells me we're just about right on time," Coun. Dennis Casey said. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley*)

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Health service finances remain in the red

The finance committee reported that the health service was still showing a \$134,000 deficit.

Chairman David Gray said they met Nov. 12 to go over the books after an initial deficit of \$251,000.

"Obviously, the bleeding needed to be stopped and hopefully turned around," he told the board meeting.

He said they had reduced the deficit by \$117,000, to \$134,000 and were hopeful of balancing the books by year's end.

He cited some variables, such as costs associated with an unpredictable flu season, and the fact the service has \$923,000 on a wish list to the province. "So, until we hear some form of 'yay' or 'nay' we're moving along cautiously."

CEO Carolyn Plummer added in her report to the board that the management team is continuing to work on strategies for achieving a balanced position by the end of this fiscal year.

"Three working groups have been established and are meeting regularly to identify and activate cost savings strategies," she said.

She added they've submitted balanced plans for all of their 2019-20 budgets.

HHHS's submission for the Small Rural Hospital Transformation Fund (SRHTF) has also been approved. This fund, totalling \$332,200, will help cover a variety of costs,

including non-urgent patient transportation, integrated IT solutions such as a diagnostic imaging voice recognition dictation system, clinical information system project expenses, and shared management resources.

In addition, Plummer said the fund will cover costs for HHHS to begin a master planning process, which will involve looking at facilities and programs to plan for future health service needs in the community and, for example, the potential for adding more long-term care beds.

Hospital family devastated by loss

Plummer paid tribute to former long-time colleague, Peter Fearrey, who passed away Nov. 26.

Fearrey was part of the HHHS team for 43 years, retiring last fall as director of facilities and special projects.

"Peter was a fixture at HHHS; he put his heart and soul into every minute of every day of those 43 years," Plummer said.

She said he ensured facilities were well-maintained and helped the organization grow through construction of new facilities, renovations, additions and refurbishing newly-acquired buildings.

"Peter's legacy lives on in all of our spaces here at HHHS and in all of the lives he touched along the way; he will always be a part of us."

"And, as anyone who knew him can attest,

Peter was a genuinely caring person who always went out of his way to help anyone who needed help," Plummer said.

Highland Wood to be featured in publication

Plummer said Highland Wood was recently approached by the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO), who have chosen to include it in their upcoming Best Practice Evidence Booster publication.

Plummer said the publication will focus on the "excellent" work done by the Highland Wood team to help prevent influenza during the last flu season, in part by implementing strategies from the RNAO Best Practice Guidelines.

"As you may recall, Highland Wood did not experience any respiratory outbreaks during last year's flu season, which was a 100 per cent decrease from the previous year, while the LHIN experienced a 57 per cent increase. I am delighted to see our team being recognized for their outstanding work," she said.

Doctor recruitment

Physician recruitment continues to be a top priority for the organization, Plummer said.

She said they recently participated, together with the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, in a recruitment fair held in Ottawa, through the University of Ottawa's Department of Family Medicine.

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HHHS President and CEO Carolyn Plummer

"We would like to acknowledge the support we received from Haliburton County for this event, as well as the generous donations made by Sir Sam's Inn and Sir Sam's Ski & Ride, which enabled us to attract potential candidates to our booth (and subsequently to our community) by offering a draw for a free night and ski passes," Plummer said.

In addition to recruiting physicians, HHHS is also recruiting for a new chief of staff. The current Chief of Staff, Dr. Kristy Gammon, will be completing her term in February, and HHHS is in the process of seeking a replacement.

Advertisements for the role have been posted externally as well, Plummer said.

(HHHS News compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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Time for town hall meetings

Inaugural meetings are always nice affairs. It is an opportunity for returning and new councillors to read aloud their declarations of office. After being elected way back on Oct. 22, it's the first time they see that brass plaque with their names and councillor written on it. They get to sit at the council table. It is also a chance for their family, friends and supporters to join in the celebrations.

The mayors make their inaugural addresses, a bit of a look back at what was, and a look forward, to what may be. Councillors can speak, too, if they want.

Then, there's usually lots of pictures, a public reception or a meal in or out.

Highlands East is holding its inaugural meeting today (Thursday, Dec. 6). Dysart et al kicked things off with an afternoon meeting this past Monday. Minden Hills held theirs Monday night and Algonquin Highlands during the day Tuesday.

Each of the inaugural meetings, like their townships, was different. For the most part, the focus was positive with lots of platitudes.

And that's great ... for an inaugural meeting. However, the real work begins from today.

Algonquin Highlands is holding a projects and priorities special meeting this morning. It's the kind of thing Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts has also been talking about. Dysart councillor John Smith touched on it,

too, at the inaugural. He said it's essential they sit down at the beginning of the term and document their priorities.

It is. Just as someone would not launch a business without a business plan, no council can embark on a four-year-term without looking at its priorities and projects for 2018-2022. This should be the first order of business for councils.

In Minden, they'll be having a public meeting Dec. 17 so people can look at plans for the refurbished S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. This project has proved controversial in the community, so it will be interesting to see what comes of this meeting. It will be a bit of a feet-to-the-fire affair for returning and new councillors.

Each council has both shared and individual challenges moving forward.

Collectively, there'll be prickly environmental decisions. The province has made it abundantly clear that it's looking at our landfills, and the spreading of septage. There's also climate-change related decisions that will have to be made, especially in places such as Minden with its past flooding.

The emergence of blue-green algae on an AH lake earlier this year is another concern that should be shared by all, especially when septic re-inspection programs are finding less than stellar results.

And, the short-term rental debate, shelved by a number of municipalities up to now,

will have to return.

Other looming issues include a shortage of housing, crumbling infrastructure including roads and bridges, and the need for expanded Internet coverage.

During the all-candidates debates sponsored by the local news media, a number of councillors commented on the usefulness of the question and answer portion of the debates. Some even suggested that councils should hold town hall meetings. We absolutely agree with that.

We look forward to seeing these added to council rosters in the new year. Let's face it, unless people are appearing for a specific item, the general public does not attend council meetings. Part of the reason is that they are held during the day. The other reason is apathy. In the same way, public meetings are often missed. It wouldn't hurt councils to hold town hall meetings every three month or every six months to better engage with the public.

There were a lot of platitudes this past week about better communication with the public, but talk is cheap. Let's see some action on this.



By Lisa Gervais

Canada's newest province

After a lot of wrangling that included a court challenge and a threat to invoke Canada's constitutional "notwithstanding clause," the new premier of Ontario had his ruling confirmed. It sliced the size of Toronto City Council from 47 to 25.

Some suggested it was a personal vendetta left over from when Doug Ford and his brother Rob, (the mayor who showed the world how quickly, like an over-ripe banana, populism can spiral into an abyss) were reined in by council members. Rob, the mayor, was stripped of his powers due to his erratic and much-publicized behavior and Doug was marginalized by a level-headed majority at the council table.

Having risen to the office of provincial premier, Ford grabbed the levers of power and started yanking away. One of his early pronouncements was the reduction in the size of the council. It was an action which was well within his authority to exercise as municipalities are beholden to the province for their very existence. One need only think back to the forced consolidation of the 13 municipalities of Victoria County into one municipal structure in 2001. That shotgun wedding came, with much to-do as well, at the hands of the last Progressive Conservative Premier Mike Harris.

The Ford edict was challenged on the basis that it came just as the candidates for the 46 seats were beginning their

campaigns. The provincial order, court challenge and subsequent affirmation of the province's right to rule on this matter, left candidates reeling as they tried to determine who they might represent and to whom to direct their appeal for votes.

Here's a thought: Perhaps it is time for the City of Toronto and the surrounding area to be granted independent provincial status. Although the idea is not new (there is in fact a Wikipedia page on the subject) it is easier said than done. First and foremost the citizens of Toronto and any surrounding municipalities wanting to join the exit, would need to buy into the idea in a referendum. Ontario would have to agree ... a highly unlikely possibility at the moment. The House of Commons and Senate would need to concur. Then, seven provinces, representing at least 50% of the population would need to agree with the birth of what would be Canada's eleventh province.

The city itself has a budget expenditure of \$11.8 billion which is higher than at least four provinces and the three territories, its population of 2.6 million is bigger than six other provinces. Ontario (minus the Toronto population), Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta would have more citizens within their jurisdiction. The area of Toronto places it just ahead of PEI, Canada's smallest province.

The idea has been bandied about for decades if not longer with endorsements from former Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman, planner and urban guru, the late Jane Jacobs and various MP and MPPs. Interestingly, Northern Ontario, often self portrayed as the forgotten sister, has suggested that it might be better off without the Toronto centric politics that it sees as dominating the talk at Queen's Park. Reflecting a similar attitude, some politicians from outside the GTA have proposed the separation as rural Ontario divorcing Toronto, rather than the other way around.

If Toronto somehow managed to pull off the divorce, and took some of the GTA with it, what remained of Ontario would be much diminished, but not beyond salvation. While the city would still be there, albeit surrounded by its former provincial overseers, it would be master in its own house. It has the budget, the population and the size to make it a viable candidate for Canada's eleventh province.

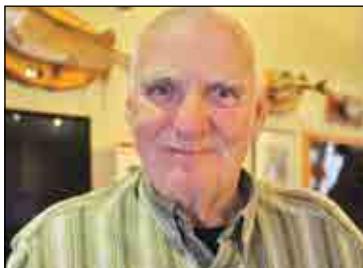
Perhaps Mayor Tory should propose such a move, if only to return some of the attitude it has been getting from the Ford government.



By Jack Brezina

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Eye on the street: Do you want your municipality to opt in or out of retail cannabis?



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By Joseph Quigley

The Outsider Getting old and cheesy



By Will Jones

Someone told me recently that I was looking old. I can't say that I was pleased. But, then I got to thinking on their remark and realized that it's all in a word, one little word that had the power to bring me down. And, then I thought about cheese.

Stick with me on this one and I hope all will become clear. You see, I'm irked every time that I go to the grocery store to buy cheese. I want a strong cheddar, a mature cheddar, an aged cheddar; a cheddar that's been resting on some shelf in a cellar for so long that its smell is pungent, its flavour sharp, and when tasted it has a tendency to blister the top of your mouth. But what do I get at the grocery store? Old cheddar.

Old cheese. Who wants 'old' anything? Old socks, no good because they've more than likely got holes in them. Old cars always break down. Old Spice, phew do you remember that awful aftershave from the 70s? Old Yeller, he was just a second-rate Lassie and we all know it. And old cheese.

It's called that because someone didn't have the imagination to come up with a better word than old. They meant to say mature cheese. They meant to describe not the 'mild' cheese, nor the 'medium' cheese but the rich strong taste and sharp aroma of a cheese that has been left to mature until perfect to eat. They meant to do a lot of things, I'm sure but then they tasted that bland rubber block and thought this cheese deserves nothing but the accolade of 'old'.

And, so I guess I can have no beef, if you'll pardon the food-related pun, with the person who called our grocery store cheese 'old' because while there is a thesaurus full of words to describe a really good aged cheese ... ripened, seasoned, robust, hearty, for instance, our cheese wrapper scribe nailed it when they called that insipid, limp block of yeller, or orange, or marbled (don't get me started about marbled ...) just 'old'.

And, that brings me back around to the someone who told me that I was looking old, recently. Now, while I may not be the ultimate embodiment of a male specimen in his very late 40s, I most certainly also am not a bland block of limp rubber. My beard is whitening at its tip but that's simply a sign of my maturity and the lines around my eyes, well they trace the map of a well-seasoned face. I'm not quite as quick as I used to be but I'm still as strong, and I'm well ripened too, pungent even, especially before my evening shower.

I guess what I'm saying is that if that person had taken the time to be more eloquent, to chose a less negative adjective, a different word to describe me, we might have gotten along much better. Then again, perhaps they purposely likened me to 'old cheese' and I should suck it up and accept that life really is all bland, tasteless nothingness from here on in.

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Haliburton Highlands OPP decorated their vehicles with Christmas apparel for the Fill-A-Cruiser foodbank fundraiser Dec. 2. Stay tuned to *The Highlander* to find out how it went. Photo by Joseph Quigley.



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks boys hockey team volunteered for Heat Bank Haliburton County Dec. 1, chopping and delivering wood for use in heating homes. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Highlander news

JUST WHAT THIS
TOWN NEEDS...

County preparing for retail cannabis debate

By Joseph Quigley

County of Haliburton council heard the pros and cons of opting in or out to retail cannabis during its Nov. 28 meeting.

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit presented to the council about cannabis, its own efforts to educate people about it and the decisions municipalities will have to make on the substance.

The presentation included an examination of what factors municipalities can consider as they decide whether to opt in or out to retail cannabis, a decision each municipality will have to make by Jan. 22.

Coun. Brent Devolin thanked the presenters and said there are more questions to be answered when it comes to cannabis.

"As this evolves, some of the unanswered questions are slowly getting answered, but there's still lots of those," Devolin said.

The presentation made no recommendations on whether to opt in. However, it noted factors municipalities could consider, like having time to understand municipal responsibilities regarding cannabis, the lack of municipal control on retail, what impact a lack of retail could have on the black market and how opting out could lead to less provincial funding for managing cannabis.

HKPR substances and harm reduction co-ordinator Cathy MacDonald also said public concerns should be considered.

"We do suggest ... seeking public input on the decision as well. If opting in, prepare a municipal cannabis policy statement that addresses public concerns," MacDonald told council.

The presentation also highlighted how municipalities can manage cannabis, including production through planning bylaws and using smoking by-laws to regulate public consumption.

The province's municipal funding model for implementing cannabis legalization



Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit health promoter Lisa Kaldeway talks to county council Nov. 28. Photo by Joseph Quigley

was also raised. The province has committed \$40 million over two years, with municipalities receiving funding on a per-household basis in January. After the retail opt-out date, those municipalities opting out receive \$5,000, while those that opt-in receive more per-household funding, according to the HKPR presentation. For the county, the total per-household payment is just over \$30,000, according to director of planning Charsley White.

Municipalities will also receive an even

split with the province for Ontario's portion of the federal excise tax, amounting to over \$100 million in the first two years. However, the funding is only for municipalities that opt into retail cannabis.

Another \$10 million has been earmarked for municipalities to apply for to address 'unforeseen circumstances.' Coun. Carol Moffatt questioned that.

"There's money available for unforeseen circumstances. It seems to me at the moment there's a myriad of unforeseen

circumstances," she said. "We can all manufacture unforeseen circumstances."

White said that funding could go to things such as increased enforcement, paramedic services, policy development and litigation costs.

Later in the meeting, Devolin scoffed at the amount of funding. "The money's a joke. In terms of all the costs. Breadcrumbs," Devolin said.

Council voted unanimously to receive the presentation for information.

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Notice: Special Meeting of Council

Please take notice there will be a Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Community Centre located at 55 Parkside Street, Minden, ON for Council Orientation.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
Township of Minden Hills
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Employment Opportunity

We are hiring for the following position in our Community Services Department:
Casual Part Time Operator

Duties include: operation and maintenance of parks, cemeteries and facilities. Position is 24 hours/week. Rate of pay is \$16.11/hour. Term of employment is for an anticipated 5 month period, ending on April 30, 2019.

Submission deadline is 12:00 noon, **Dec 13, 2018**. Visit www.mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for posting details, job requirements and submission instructions, or email sprinciple@mindenhills.ca

Meetings and Events

Meetings are held in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Dec 10 - 9:00 AM, Special Meeting of Council (Minden Community Centre, Room #3)

Dec 13 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/ Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Did You Know

Landlords must ensure CO and smoke alarms are installed and maintained in rental properties.

Winter Sand Available for Residential Use

Is available at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena parking lot, 55 Parkside Street for residential use. Please note this is for Individual Use Only – No Commercial Users Please.

Christmas Food & Toy Drop Off

In support of the Annual Minden Community Christmas Basket Program, donations of non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped children's toys can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Municipal Administration Office, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday
- Minden Hills Fire Department, 24 hours a day

Donations will be accepted until December 17, 2018.



12 Days of Holiday Fire & CO Safety

Tune in to Canoe FM 100.9, for details on how to participate in the 12 days of safety Holiday Fire & CO Safety Campaign, sponsored by the Minden Hills, Dysart et al., Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands Fire Departments. Visit www.mindenhills.ca/holiday-safety-tips/ for more information.

Riverwalk & Wetlands Boardwalk – Winter Usage

The Boardwalk & Logger's Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

Winter Parking

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 am on township roadways and parking lots. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

Renewal of S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Open House

Monday, December 17, 2018, 6:30 PM at the S. G. Nesbitt Community Centre to review the proposed plans for the renewal of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. See page 10 for details

Highlander news

By Lisa Gervais

The seventh annual Cash for Care Lottery kicked off last Thursday in Minden.

Following the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) monthly board meeting, the Foundation took centre stage in the Fireside Lounge for the official unveiling.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) chairman Peter Oyler welcomed HHHS directors, foundation representatives and auxiliary personnel to the announcement.

"We have been doing this now for seven years. And being number seven we are going to turn the tables a little bit and hopefully announce some special incentives with respect to this year's lottery," Oyler teased.

First, the cash prize this year will be \$25,000. There will also be four early bird draws, up from three last year. And, \$100 will now get you seven tickets rather than six. Oyler added they're still only printing 4,500 tickets so "your odds of winning are better than they ever have been before."

The money is going to the Heart of the Matter campaign, for cardiac telemetry equipment.

A telemetry unit is a unit in a hospital where patients are under continuous electronic monitoring. Telemetry, the practice of sending electronic signals from one place to another, is a tremendously



Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation chair Peter Oyler announces the Cash for Care Lottery in Minden Nov. 29. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

useful tool in hospitals, as it allows hospital personnel to monitor heart rate, heart rhythm, breathing, and other things both by the patient's bed and at a remote location like a nursing station.

HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins said they'd already had 98 ticket orders and sold nearly 400 tickets.

Oyler said that means they're 10 per cent of the way and only just announced the

lottery on Nov. 29

"That's a good sign that we're off on a right foot to hopefully raise between \$35,000-\$40,000," he said.

Tickets are available from foundation offices in Haliburton and Minden, at Canadian Tire, Dollo's Foodland and the TD Bank in Minden and BMO, Foodland and Todd's Independent in Haliburton or by calling the ticket hotline 705-457-1580.

Fair provides opportunity for job seekers

By Joseph Quigley

Job seekers in Haliburton County got the chance to network with employers at the Fleming Crew Employment and Training Fair Nov. 28.

The fair took place at the Haliburton County Public Library and featured employers and representatives from Fleming College and Fleming Crew Employment Centre. The fair offered people the chance to see what jobs are available in the county, what training is required and how that training might be obtained.

Employment and training consultant Jess Marlow said the fair aimed to show job seekers what kind of resources are available in their community.

"It's a time of year where a lot of people might be laid off for the season, so it's a good opportunity to enhance and build your skills up for next year," Marlow said.

County of Haliburton human resources manager Andrea Bull helped represent the county at the fair and said it offered a chance to promote county jobs.

"We wanted to be here just so everyone was aware of what positions and careers we have available and what training or education may be required to go with those," Bull said.

Those positions with the county include administration, engineering, finance, heavy equipment and more, Bull said. She added although the county has had some issue filling a roving tourism position, it is



Employers sit together at the Fleming Crew Employment and Training Fair Nov. 28. Left to right: Haliburton County Paramedic Service Deputy Chief Jo-Ann Hendry, HR manager Andrea Bull and director of tourism Amanda Virtanen. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

generally able to get people into its various jobs.

"For the most part, the county is very lucky with getting good, qualified applicants in our recruitment process," Bull said.

Connor Brandon attended the fair as a job seeker and said it can be difficult securing a job in a place like Haliburton due to its seasonality. But he added the fair provided valuable resources to him.

"You get to talk to a lot of different people

and a lot of different opportunities, so it's a pretty wide-spread job search," Brandon said.

Marlow said Fleming Crew hopes to hold one or two of these fairs every spring and fall in the future.

"It really just shows what resources are available in the community and how it means a lot to people to be able to offer these services and try and increase the skills that we have here in Haliburton," Marlow said.

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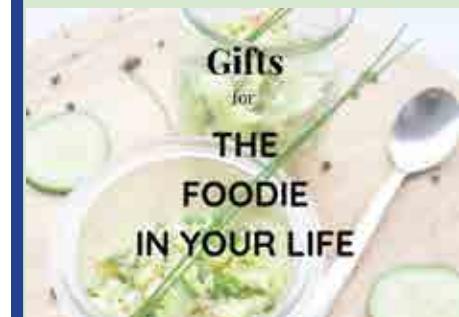
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Notice of Open House Renewal of S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Take notice there will be an Open House regarding the development of plans for the renewal of the S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Date: Monday, December 17, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm: Doors Open
7:00 pm: Presentation
Followed by a Question & Answer period

Location: S. G. Nesbitt Community Centre
55 Parkside Street, Minden, ON

The purpose of the meeting is to review proposed plans for the renewal of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Representatives from McDonald Bros. Construction Inc., and Parkin Architects will be present, as well as members of the Township of Minden Hills Arena Building Task Force.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Specifications regarding the above work will be available at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca.

All health & safety regulations must be followed during the term of this contract.

The contract is to commence on January 1st, 2019 and run through to the end of December 31st, 2019, with the possibility of a one year extension.

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New food tourism facilitator Lisa Sweet said she plans to engage businesses about food tourism over the next three months. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

New county foodie introduced

By Joseph Quigley

New County of Haliburton food tourism facilitator Lila Sweet said amongst her duties over the next three months, she must find out what is the taste of Haliburton.

Sweet presented her mandate to the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Stakeholder Group Nov. 21. She said she will be working to conduct a food tourism survey, build a framework for business-to-business communications and promote food tourism in the area.

"I'm identifying key products in the area," Sweet said in an interview. "I'm identifying tourism champions and market-ready businesses. I'm identifying connections between producers and purveyors and I'm identifying challenges to implement food tourism in the area."

The push comes from recommendations in the 2015 County of Haliburton Culinary Tourism Strategy, Sweet said. During the stakeholders meeting, Sweet provided information on "Food Tourism 101", highlighting its advantages and how important it has become in the tourism sector.

Sweet said she plans to principally conduct the food tourism survey face-to-

face, visiting businesses to engage with them.

"To gauge interest on extending shoulder season, collaboration," Sweet said, adding job-sharing is also up for consideration. "We wanted to investigate if businesses are wanting to job share ... a lot of times people mention they have a hard time keeping or retaining staff."

County of Haliburton Tourism Committee member Sally Moore introduced Sweet to the stakeholder group by asking how many of them use locally-grown ingredients. Fewer than half raised their hands.

"What we should take from that is we as a collection of people in Ontario Highlands ... should be concentrating if it all possible of being the best foodies possible," Moore said to the group.

Sweet's contract expires at the end of January. But she said she hopes to develop a business communication framework that will outlast her term.

"It's crucial that we all work together and promote the area. I know people have been working super hard on it," she said. "I just would like us to be market ready so that we can really give the visitor everything they expect."

Ontario moose management under review

The Province of Ontario's says it's working to make the moose draw fairer, more accessible and simpler for hunters by updating its approach to managing moose.

Over the next two years, the government said it intends to work with an advisory committee, which will review how tag quotas are developed, how hunters apply for tags and the current allocation process. Advice on the current tag draw system will be a first order priority for the committee, the province said in a media release.

"We appreciate the feedback and perspectives shared by hunters and stakeholders, and I encourage them to continue contributing to the discussion on moose management approaches," said John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

The review will examine ways of improving service, while helping to maintain healthy moose populations and sustainable hunting for years to come.



Looking for an opportunity to serve your community or know someone who is?

The Township of Minden Hills is currently seeking two (2) community-minded residents to serve on the Committee of Adjustment for the 2019-2022 term of Council. Members receive a stipend of \$100.00 for each regular meeting attended and are reimbursed for mileage associated with conducting site visits. Meetings are held at 9:30 AM on the last Monday of each month and typically last 2 hours but may extend longer.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT?

The Committee of Adjustment considers applications for minor variances from the Township's Zoning By-law as set out in the Planning Act. A minor variance may allow property owners to use their land in a way which does not comply exactly with the requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

The Committee of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body made up of citizen representatives appointed by Council. Decisions made by the Committee of Adjustment may be appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). An appeal to the LPAT is a serious matter requiring considerable time, effort, and often, expense on the part of everyone involved.

AM I QUALIFIED?

It is expected that Committee Members be objective in fulfilling their responsibilities. In advance of meetings Members are expected to conduct site visits (weather and road conditions permitting), and to review the Minutes of Committee Meetings and Planning Reports, which are prepared by Township Staff.

Appointments to the Committee of Adjustment is based upon the following criteria; however those who do not meet all the qualifications are still strongly encouraged to apply:

- Resident or property owner in the Township of Minden Hills;
- Presence and longevity in the community;
- A background and knowledge related to the function of the Committee of Adjustment;
- Knowledge and understanding of the land use planning process including minor variances;
- Be objective, possess relevant education component or equivalent experience and have strong analytical skills in order to fully consider all information provided;
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- Be available and able to conduct site inspections on subject properties; and
- Be organized, available and committed to attend all Committee meetings;

In addition to the above qualifications, consideration will be given to the composition as a whole in an effort to balance rural, urban and lakeshore interest; age, gender and ethnicity; and, experience and new membership.

Successful applicants will be provided with orientation and are eligible for learning opportunities.

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply by submitting a copy of their resume and a cover letter to

Clerk's Department
Committee of Adjustment Member, Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359 - 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON., K0M 2K0
or by e-mail to: sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Applications must be received by Thursday, January 17, 2019.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about the collection and use of this information should be directed to the Clerk, Dawn Newhook, Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 (705) 286-1260 ext. 205.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For further information regarding the recruitment process, or on the role and responsibility of Committee Members, contact Ian Clendening, Planner & Secretary-Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment, at 705-286-1260 x206 or e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.





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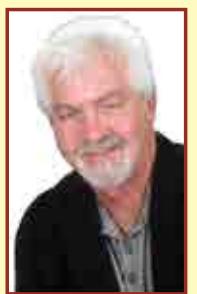
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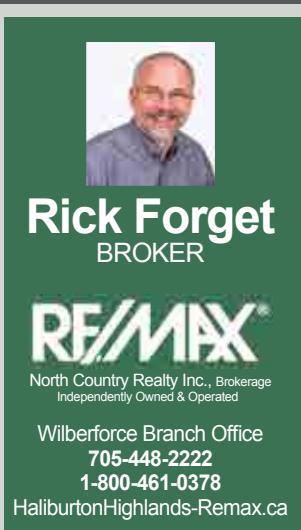
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Highland Storm



Highland Storm Rep Peewee player Austin Boylan skates down the ice with the puck during a game against Huntsville Nov. 30. The Storm's comeback in the game fell short, as they lost 5-4. Photos by Joseph Quigley

Rep reports

Midgets drop two

The Highlander/Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets suffered two losses this week, 6-5 against the Mariposa Lightning and 4-1 against the Elmvale Coyotes.

It began Nov. 27 in Haliburton against the Lightning. The Storm came out strong in the first period and were on the scoreboard 20 seconds in. Gilbert started the rush, took a shot and Smith picked up the rebound for the goal. One minute later, Haedicke moved in to set up the play, fed Dollo and he took a screen shot from the point

for the second goal.

Halfway through the first period, Haedicke sped in and took a shot, Robinson nabbed the rebound and found the opening, making it 3-0. Shortly after, the Lightning struck making it a 3-1 game. The second period ended with the Storm leading 4-1.

It was Mitchell that held the line, allowing Gilbert to top corner the next Storm goal. There was lots of action in the second period. The Lightning stepped it up and late in the second period, made it a 4-2 game.

Early in the third, Dollo made a rush, dropped it to Gilbert and he chipped it in, to make it 5-2 Storm.

The Storm were hushed for the rest of the game. The Lightning took control, came back with four goals and the Storm lost 6-5.

The Storm then played the Elmvale Coyotes in Minden, Nov. 30. The Coyotes roared in the first, taking a 2-0 lead. Early in the second period, the Storm took advantage of a power play and closed in on the Coyotes net. Gilbert and Smith fought hard and found the opening, making it 2-1. The Coyotes continued to dominate the Storm with a couple of more goals, ending it 4-1. (*Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke*).

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Highland Storm



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Three wins for the Bantams

On Friday, the Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House/Dollo's Foodland Bantams hosted the Ennismore Eagles.

The Storm started strong with Dylan Keefer scoring two goals in the first period, assisted by Jackson Wilson, Kyan Hall and Hunter Winder. With a minute left in the second period, the Eagles scored bringing the game close at 2-1. With four minutes left in the game, Hall sealed the deal scoring another goal assisted by Keefer making the final 3-1.

On Saturday, the Storm travelled to Woodville to play the Woodville Hurricanes. In the first period, Keefer scored an unassisted goal, putting the Storm on the scoreboard. The Storm played a solid second period with three more goals by Jackson Wilson, Keefer and Gage Hutchison. With two minutes left on the clock, Keefer scored a hat trick assisted by Hutchison and Hall.

Amazing goaltending by Darion Maddock, who kept the Hurricanes out of his net with his sixth shutout of the season and a final score of 5-0 Storm.

On Sunday, the Storm travelled to Beaverton to play the Brock Wild. They were wild indeed. Battling through a very physical game, both teams were scoreless in the first period.

Early in the second, Keefer found the net with a hard slap shot from the blue line. The Wild responded tying the game at one. A minute later, Hall found the net putting the Storm in the lead.

Into the third period, Kaine Brannigan scored assisted by Hall making it 3-1. The Wild were hungry for a win and scored another goal in the third but were unable to get past the Storm's defensive game, making the final 3-2 Storm.

Come out and support the Storm this Friday as they battle The Surgeon Lake Thunder at the A.J. LaRue Arena at 7 p.m. (Submitted by Jessica Lloyd).

Peewee A's salvage weekend with Sunday win

The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee A's hosted the Sturgeon Lake Thunder Nov. 27.

The Storm tried hard all game to get ahead but just couldn't. They unfortunately lost 6-3. Goals were scored by Addison St. Cyr, Colby Coumbs, and Cheyenne Degeer.

On Nov. 30, the Peewee A's hosted the Huntsville Otters. It was a very close game, however they just couldn't tie it. The final score was 5-4. Goals scored by Addison St. Cyr and Austin Boylan.

On Dec. 1, the Peewee A's travelled to Gravenhurst to battle the Bracebridge Bears. The Storm battled back in the last 40 seconds of the game and won 5-3. Goals by Austin Boylan, Addison St. Cyr and Colby Coumbs.

In the upcoming week, the team travels to Wasaga Beach to play in a weekend tournament

(Submitted by Amber Card).

Novice end Silver Stick with win

This past weekend, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice travelled to Pembroke to participate in the Pembroke Regional Silver Stick Tournament.

On Friday, the Storm faced the Pembroke Kings. The teams were evenly matched and it appeared the game would end scoreless until late in the third, when Pembroke put a goal on the board. With only six seconds remaining in the game, Henry Neilson responded with a goal for the Storm. The game ended with a 1-1 tie.

Saturday morning, the Storm played the Mississippi Thunder Kings. Although the Storm lost 5-2 to this skilled team, they played a great game. Storm goals were scored by Evan Perrott and Matthew Scheffee.

Entering into their third game against the Frontenac Flyers, the Storm knew they needed a big win if they were going to continue in the tournament. They came to play. The defensive team held the blue line and kept the puck in the offensive zone, allowing the offence many scoring opportunities. The Storm took an 8-1 win in what would be their last game of the tournament, with goals by Luke Gruppe (3), Henry Neilson (2), Evan Perrott, Isaac Trotter, and Matt Scheffee.

Next weekend the Storm will travel to Ennismore on Saturday to play the Eagles, and on Sunday, they will have a double header against the Almaguin Ice Devils in Haliburton.

(Submitted by Sara Guppe).

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Colby is looking more comfortable each game on the wing. He is developing an aggressive forecheck to add to his great shot. He went hard to the net Saturday to score a big third period goal to tie the game in our comeback win.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

Local league reports

TD Bank Atoms drop three

This past weekend, the Local League teams hosted the Atom Local League Silver Stick Tournament in Haliburton.

The TD Bank Atoms played their first game against Apsley. With a huge battle underway, the Atoms were shutout for the first time.

For the second game against Mariposa, there was another battle at hand but during the first period the TD Atom team were able to find the back of the net, an unassisted goal by Logan Reid.

In the second period, Mariposa would not let up, nor did the TD Atoms when Reid took a nice slap shot from the hash marks and Carson Jones was playing his position to be able to take the rebound and score again. But Mariposa was able to take the win.

For the third game, the TD Atoms found themselves worn out from their two prior games but never gave up. They were defeated by the tournament's champions, Kemptville. (*Submitted by Chris McMartin*)

GJ Burtch Atoms tie Chiefs

On Saturday, the GJ Burtch LL Atom 1 team played in the Silver Stick.

The Storm hit the ice at 8 a.m. vs the Bancroft Jets. The Storm had their hands full with the much larger Jet team. Unintimidated, the Storm fought hard in both ends of the rink. Down 5-0 with the second period winding down, the Storm's

Jacob Mantle raced up the ice and beat the Jet's goalie with only three seconds remaining. The assist went to Benton Lloyd.

Mantle's goal seemed to wake the team up as most of the third period was spent in the Jets end of the rink. Eric Mueller scored a beauty assisted by Gideon Borgdorff. The slow start would be the Storm's downfall, however, dropping this game 6-2. Player of the game Jacob Mantle.

At noon, the Storm faced the Lakefield Chiefs. An exciting first period saw chances at both ends. It was not until two minutes left in the second that the Chiefs were able to open the scoring after a scramble in front of the Storm net.

Isaac Borgdorff proved himself as a reliable option at the side of the net. Borgdorff scored two almost identical goals just over a minute apart tying the game at two. The first assisted by Jacob Mantle, the second by Jacob Davis.

The Chiefs came on strong, but netminder Jacob Lloyd stood his ground and made some dazzling glove saves, earning him player of the game. Final 2-2.

The Storm's final game of the day was at 4 p.m. vs South Muskoka HRC Ins. The Storm scoring began half way through the first when Jacob Mantle took matters into his own hands, skating end-to-end, and beating the South Muskoka goalie.

The Storm swarmed their opponents, getting lots of chances throughout the first and second. All that work paid off when Taylor Mulock was able to tie the game at two, 30 seconds into the third.

The Storm kept working but fell victim to a couple of Plinko-type goals, bouncing off of bodies and sticks them into the net.

The Storm lost 5-2. Player of the game Taylor Mulock.

Next up Dec. 8, the Storm travel to Gravenhurst to face the undefeated Cottage County Dental team. (*Submitted by Jamie Lloyd*).

Novice have strong tourney

This past weekend, the Deweyen Simms LL Novice 2 team travelled to Warkworth for their first tournament of the season.

The Storm played hard and walked away with two wins and a loss. They faced Duoro Dukes (8-1 L), Frontenac Flyers (9-7 W) and Ennismore Eagles (5-1 W).

First goals of the season going to Travis Rowe and Levi Rowe, exactly 10 seconds apart. Other goals going to Mason Latanville, McCartney Saunders and Brycen Harrison. Assists going to Colten Simms, Gabriel Loney, Cole Morrison, Harrison and Latanville.

Outstanding goaltending by Landyn Simms, making save after save.

This team is back in action on Saturday, as they host the Huntsville Davicor in Wilberforce at noon. (*Submitted by Stephanie Harrison*).

A tournament tie for Peewees

The LL Home Hardware's Peewee Team played in the Silver Stick Tournament this weekend in Haliburton.

The Storm were up bright and early for an 8 a.m. game where they took on Lindsay. Lindsay came out strong and

scored two goals in the first period, but the Storm ended up tying the game with a goal in the second by Emery Bagshaw assisted by Nathan Harrison and Weston Bowker, as well as one more goal in the third by Harrison assisted by Wyatt Raposo and Mikayla Sisson. The final score was 2-2.

At noon, the Storm took on Havelock and goalie Aaron Neave played another great game stopping many shots and rebounds. Harrison scored the Storm's only goal of the game assisted by Raposo. Havelock took the win 2-1.

For the Storm's final game, they took on Apsley, who took the game and ended up winning the gold medal in this year's peewee division.

Congratulations on a great tournament! (*Submitted by Marita Bagshaw*).

Luck rests with the Shamrocks

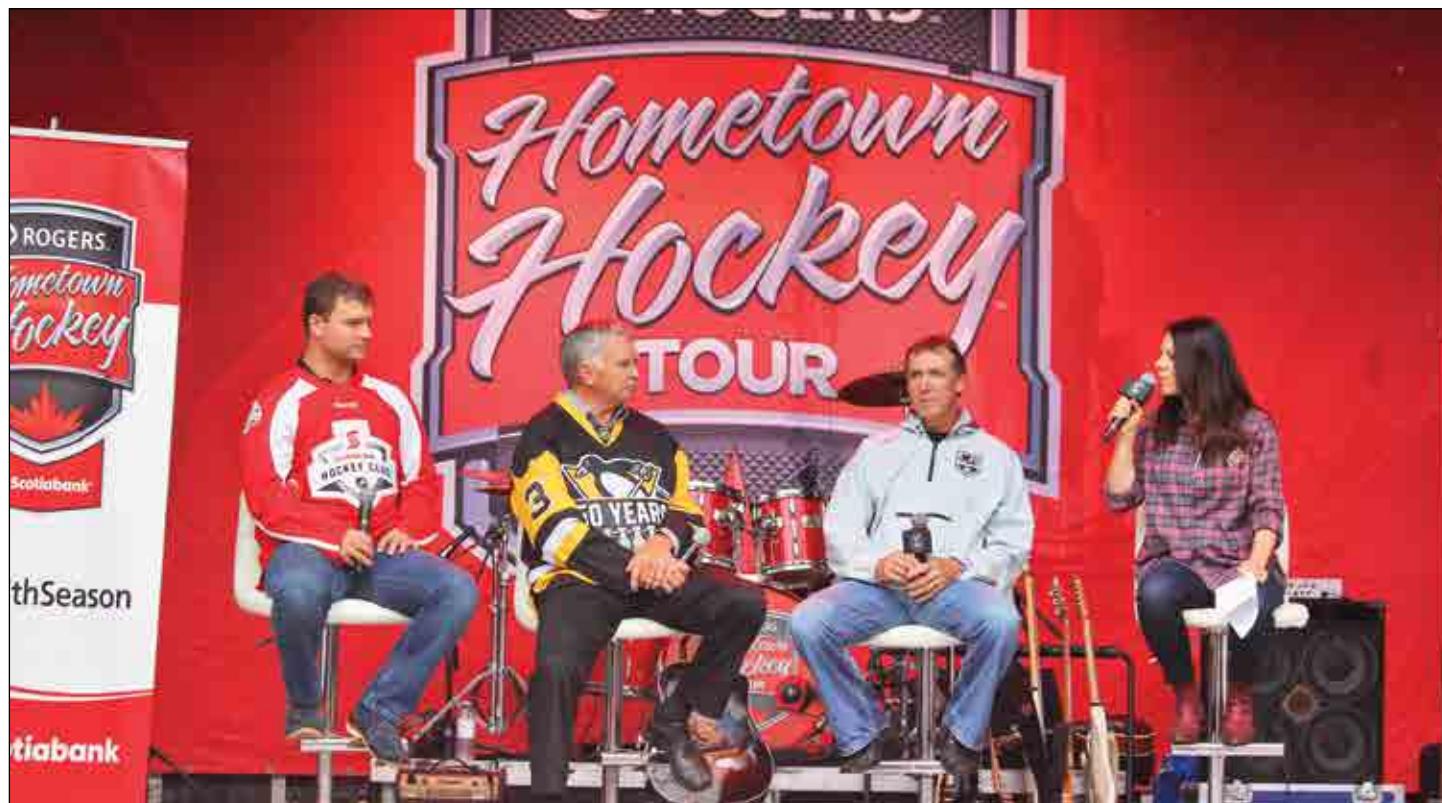
The Pharmasave Midgets travelled to Parry Sound on Sunday for a game against the Shamrocks.

Defenceman Brody Prentice and goalie Nate Miscio played well early on, keeping the game scoreless.

The Shamrocks got a lucky break near the end of the first, with a Storm own goal to put the team down by one. Parry Sound went up 4-0 with three quick goals midway through the second period, before the Shamrocks had an own goal themselves to make it 4-1 going into the final period.

Parry Sound continued pressure in the final frame putting in three more goals for a convincing 7-1 win over the Highland Storm. (*Submitted by Gord Hoenow*).

Highlander sports



Cody Hodgson, far left, was in Haliburton last October for Hometown Hockey. He is being interviewed by Tara Sloane, along with Ron Stackhouse and Bernie Nicholls. *File.*

Hodgson story to be screened Saturday

By Lisa Gervais

The documentary behind Cody Hodgson's retirement will be screened Saturday Dec. 8 in Toronto.

Hodgson retired during the National Hockey League's 2015-16 season and very little has been written about why he had to give up the game he loved.

However, according to a trailer to "Hodgson," it was due to complications from a mutation on his ryanodine receptor 1 (RYR-1) gene.

In the trailer, Hodgson says, "a lot of people have asked me 'why did you retire, why did you end early?' They were asking about how my back is ... that's not really the reason I stopped playing."

While training in the 2009 off-season, Hodgson suffered a back injury that required a year for him to fully recover.

However, he fully reveals in the promo clip that, "In my final year of playing, I was having some severe symptoms. I was having trouble breathing. I was blacking out and my muscles were extremely tight and my whole body was just shaking. I had a

mutation of the RYR-1 Gene."

Dr. Michael Goldby confirms on camera that the reactions he was having were due to the rare disorder. Hodgson's doctor, Sheila Riazi, says she recommended he retire for his own safety and "what I saw was a very brave man."

Born in Toronto in 1990, and raised in Haliburton until the family moved to Markham in 1998, the Hodgsone returned every summer to their camp on Haliburton Lake. The son of former MPP Chris Hodgson played with Matt Duchene on the Haliburton Huskies.

In the trailer, Hodgson says that ever since he was a kid, his dream was to play in the NHL.

"You work your whole life for this goal to play in the NHL. Then, you realize this is for real ... like that's a pretty crazy experience. I truly love the game, everything about it."

Hodgson began his career with the Vancouver Canucks, before being traded to the Buffalo Sabres. He then moved on to the Nashville Predators in the 2015-16 season. He also played for Team Canada

in International Ice Hockey Federation matches.

"I played the game my whole life ... that was very tough to deal with," he said of the need to hang up the skates.

However, he says he doesn't see himself as a victim.

"I see myself as someone who had a great career. It was a blessing to play. Hopefully I can use this to benefit other people and myself as well."

"It's a pretty rare disorder but we're discovering more and more people with it and hopefully with this documentary we can shed more light on it."

On a GoFundMe site, crowdfund.com/o/en/campaign/hodgson, it says that the RYR-1 Foundation and Hodgson are hosting the first look at the documentary on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites.

It invites the public to see the film and be part of the special event. It has a link to the trailer, and a place to donate.

Both Hodgson and the RYR-1 Foundation declined *The Highlander*'s request for an interview prior to the screening.



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Some Haliburton Curling Club members that curl in the Monday daytime league are pictured here. "We had a wonderful start to the curling season with close to 50 new members to the club, both experienced and inexperienced," said Mary Hillaby. She said almost all of their new beginners have signed up to continue curling and are really enjoying themselves. The second session began Dec. 3 and it's never too late to inquire about curling, Hillaby said. *Photo submitted.*

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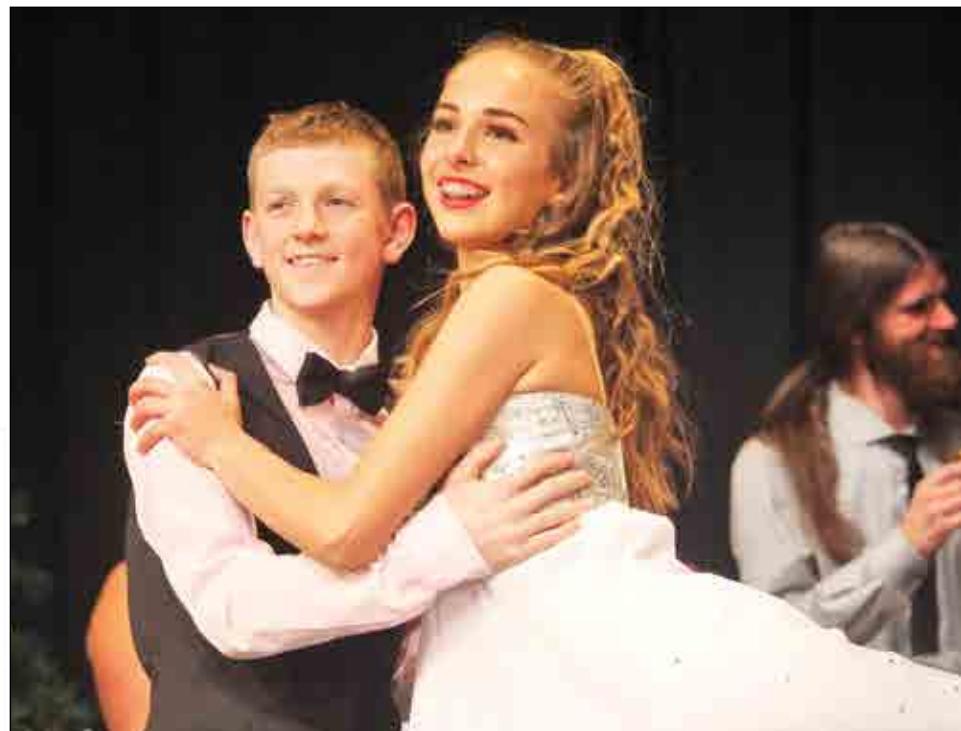
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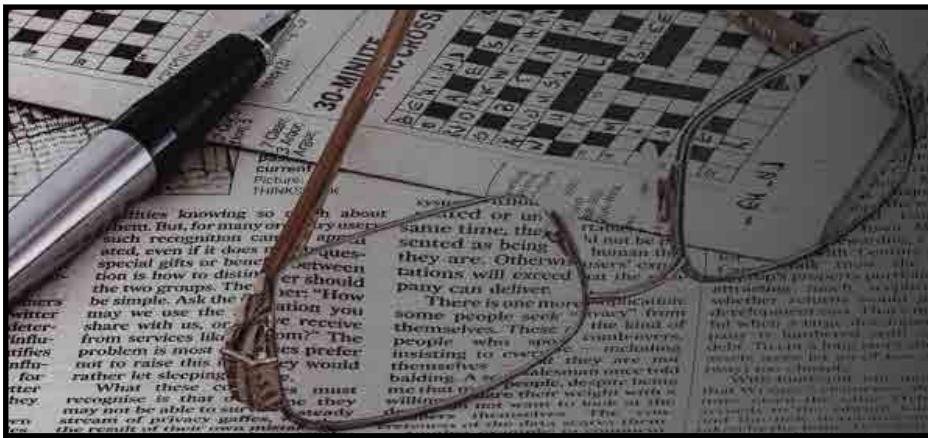
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Top: Sophie Longo (right) performing as Marie holds Nick Phippen as Pyotr during the Heritage Ballet's performance of The Nutcracker at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Dec. 1. Middle: Ania Smolen plays a peacock. Bottom: Charlotte Moynes and Sydney Parish roll a canon mid-stage during the battle scene. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

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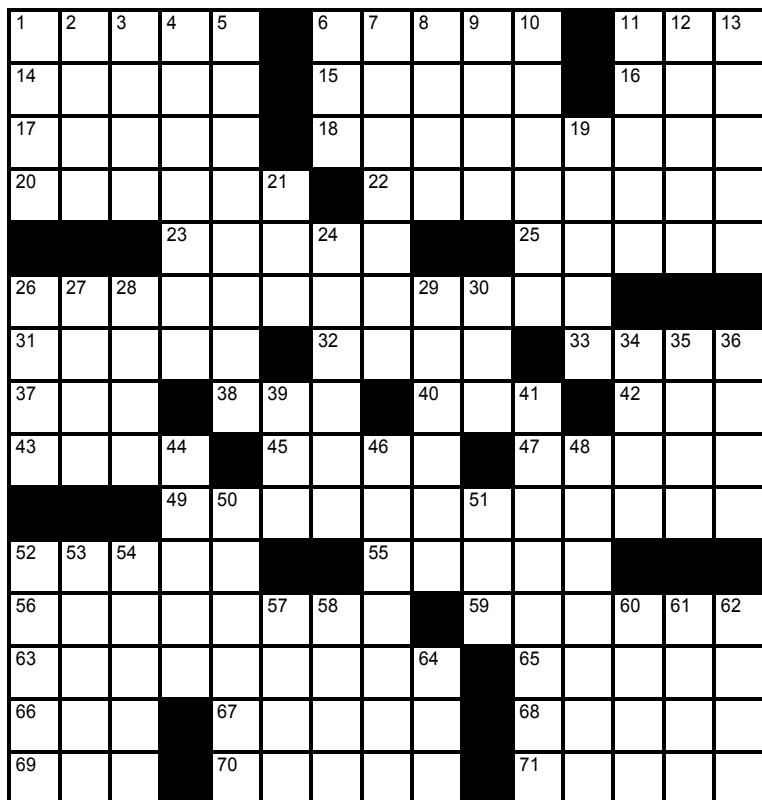


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THANK YOU

Margaret Robinson

The family of the late Margaret Robinson would like to thank all the people who made our 'mom's' life so special. Our thanks to all the folks who sent cards, flowers, food, donations, and all the many phone calls. Also for those precious people who visited our mom in her home, Highland Wood. A special thanks to all the staff at Highland Wood Nursing Home and for Dr. Gilmor. Also for Dwaine and Laurie Lloyd and staff who worked hard to make our mom's "Celebration of Life" such a blessing.

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Peacefully with her family by her side at Kingston Health Sciences on Monday morning, November 26, 2018 in her 58th year. Beloved wife and best friend of Eldon Smith for over eleven years. Cherished daughter of Yvonne Stata and the late Ronald Stata. Loving mother of Kristen (Terry Smith), Amy (Scott Jarrett), Kyle (Sarah) and TJ (Robyn). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Alisha, Adam, Gage, Desiree, Jason, Anthony, Nevaeh, Dominic, Caydon, Bentley and Zane. Dear sister of Cindy (Art), Steven (Tammy), Rhonda (Glenn), Denise and Robbie. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Penny worked for the Kozy Korner Restaurant with dedication and loyalty for many years. She enjoyed gardening, baking and most of all spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Celebration Of Life & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday morning, December 5, 2018 for a Celebration Of Life Service at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family. www.communityfuneralhomes.com



In Loving Memory of Bruce Dennis Moffatt

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Friend, Advisor, All-Around Good Guy

Passed away peacefully at home on November 26, 2018, in his 85th year.

Survived by his son Bruce Jeffrey Moffatt (Sandra, Connor, Christopher); his daughter Carol Ann Moffatt (Tony Aymong); and predeceased by his son Andrew James (Andy) in 1979 and his beloved Betty Rae in 2017.

Bruce was born and raised near Oakwood & Rogers, the youngest of three boys. When the school system suggested he move along at the age of 16, he did a brief stint at a pickle factory before serving 40 faithful years at the Continental Can Company, working his way up from mail-boy to management.

Bruce was an avid reader, a World War aficionado, and a dedicated crossword puzzler. He had a wry wit and told wonderfully stupid jokes. He was a gifted speaker involved in the Chamber of Commerce, Toastmasters and Rotary, the latter of which awarded him the Paul Harris Fellow.

As a father, he invented hilarious Captain Blackjack bedtime stories with his kids as the heroes. He was the perennial coach, driver, repairman and supporter for myriad sports and activities. He had a formidable moral compass and always sought the high road, saying, "The Browns may do it and the Joneses may do it but the Moffatts don't do it..."

He was the Grandpa who dressed up as Santa, read bedtime stories and wasn't afraid to be goofy. He was a father figure to others who looked to his steady, thoughtful manner for guidance.

Bruce never forgot his meager beginnings; he was grateful for, and proud of, all he and Betty achieved together. A common phrase, as he raised a glass around a table of family or friends was, "Not bad, eh?"

He met Betty in grade 8 and despite throwing her boots down the well, the two became inseparable, eventually celebrating 61 years of marriage in 2016. He never stopped making her laugh.

Bruce came to Betty's family cottage in the 1940s and that funny old place became the foundation of a million memories framed by a spectacular sunset. Bruce called the sunset's ripples his "golden staircase" and in later years, he would look at that view for hours.

When Bruce and Betty retired to the cottage, they forged an enviable retirement with lifelong friends from the city and new-found friends in Haliburton.

Bruce was a homebody and a perpetual putterer, happy to poke around in the garage and yard in his clunky rubber boots - fixing, mending, painting, mowing. He could also be the life of a party, as evidenced by his alter ego "Coconut Bruce", a one-time party prank captured in a single blurry photo.

In 2008, Bruce suffered a stroke, leaving him with a common post-stroke communication disorder called Aphasia. It robbed him of language and challenged his comprehension. It silenced the jokes, stories, and advice; effectively eliminating many of the traits and activities that defined him - but it never dampened his humour.

Aphasia is hard work - and extremely isolating, and even as friends stopped calling and his world became smaller, Bruce demonstrated tremendous grace and patience amid family and a few good friends who continued to see him behind the garbled facade.

Bruce and Betty were two halves of a whole, and Betty's unexpected death in 2017 was an unrecoverable blow for Bruce. A second stroke just months afterward marked the beginning of a steady decline.

There are no words to describe this loss, the final chapter of two lives so entwined. If Bruce was stubborn, private and proud-to-a-fault, he was also humble, funny, reflective and generous; a true gentleman.

Bruce's was a life well lived, ultimately proving that it's not a fancy education or an ivory tower career that makes a man; it's honest work wrapped in kindness, family, friends and humour.

Details - Cremation has taken place and Bruce didn't want a funeral service or celebration. Bruce and Betty are together again and that makes things right with the world.



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Due to an upcoming retirement, the Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Treasurer. Reporting to the CAO, the Treasurer provides sound financial management, ensures all legislative requirements are met and exemplifies leadership in support of the organization. As an essential member of the Senior Management Team, the Treasurer is a strategic thinker with a view to long-term planning who develops and manages the Township's financial policies and procedures. In this position you will be responsible for the following:

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- Responsible for Asset Management Plan in conjunction with appropriate Senior Staff.
- Maintains asset inventory in compliance with PSAB.
- Preparation of required financial statements and reports to Council and Senior Staff.
- Coordinates all audit requirements.
- Human Resources and payroll functions including benefit administration.
- Oversees insurance plans and risk management issues.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:
• A post-secondary education or university degree with an accounting designation (preferred) or an equivalent related mix of education and experience.

- Successful completion of Municipal Finance and Accounting Program.
- Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) designation is an asset.
- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government finance, municipal financial planning, financial information systems, municipal financial reporting, taxation experience, budgetary processes, and supervisory experience.
- Excellent interpersonal, financial, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication, presentation, leadership and supervisory skills.
- Proficiency in computer software applications (including but not limited to Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point and Township-specific financial programs).

Salary Range: \$98,917.00 - \$111,331.95

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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What's On

DECEMBER 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

All December

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Mondays - 9:30 a.m. – at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce.
10 a.m. – at Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. – in the Ruth Parkes Room at Haliburton
1:30 p.m. – in the Fireside Lounge at Hyland Crest

Fridays - 9:30 a.m. – at Mapleview Apartments, Wilberforce.

November 4th – December 14th

Nail Trims for Toys, at Minden Animal Hospital. Come in to have your pets' pedicure done for a donation to the Minden Food Bank Toy drive. Nail trims for a minimum donation of \$10, or bring in an unwrapped toy or gift card of equal value. Pre-booking appreciated.

Now until December 21st

Gift Wrapping Service, by Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre. Drop by the centre on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., or Friday noon – 4 p.m., and we will wrap gifts in exchange for any donation to the Centre.

Thursday December 6

Noon – 2 p.m. – Minden Christmas Lunch, hosted by HHHS Community Support Services at Minden Legion. Entertainment and a delicious turkey dinner with dessert, tea/coffee. \$19/person. RSVP by Nov 23rd. Call 705-457-2941 for tickets.

1 – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Open House and Enviro-Hero Awards. Drop in, enjoy a snack and say hello. Enviro-Hero Awards announced at 2 p.m. HHLT Office, 739 Mountain St., Haliburton.

Friday December 7

4 – 7 p.m. – St. Paul's Anglican Church Children's Christmas Gift Sale, 19

Invergordon Ave., Minden. Children come shop for Christmas gifts for family & friends – nothing costs more than \$1.00! We will help children shop, wrap and tag the gifts.

Saturday December 8

9 a.m. – Noon – Free Breakfast with Santa, at YMCA Wanakita. All you can eat breakfast, photos with Santa, carnival games, live animal show, face painting. Ymcawanakita.ca 705-457-2132 x2226.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – "Fill the Cruiser" Food Drive at Foodland in Wilberforce, in support of local food banks in Wilberforce and Cardiff. Thanks to Minden OPP!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – St. Paul's Anglican Church Children's Christmas Gift Sale, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. Children come shop for Christmas gifts for family & friends – nothing costs more than \$1.00! We will help children shop, wrap and tag the gifts.

2:30 p.m. – "A Christmas Carol", at St. George's Anglican Church. Come celebrate the holiday with a dramatic reading of Dickens' holiday classic! Presented by Highlands Little Theatre and the Haliburton Highlands Museum, accompanied by live seasonal music by the Christmas Carol Choir. Tickets \$10 each, available at Master's Book Store, Haliburton, and Sassy Digs, Minden, at the museum, or at the door. A portion of proceeds to go to Fuel For Warmth.

Sunday December 9

11:15 a.m. – Children's Christmas Presentation and White Gift Sunday – at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., at Pine Ave. Lunch to follow the service. Part of the 2018 advent celebrations for the Haliburton Charge (including Haliburton, Ingoldsby and Lochlin United Churches)

12:30 p.m. – Santa Comes to Wilberforce! Watch Santa arrive in the parade and then head inside for lots of fun. Parade starts at the school at

12:30 p.m. and parades down main street to the Lloyd Watson Centre. Children 10 and under register at the door to receive a free picture with Santa and a present.

2 p.m. – "Light in the Darkness", a "Blue Christmas" service sponsored by the churches of Haliburton, at Lakeside Baptist Church. For some people, Christmas is a sad time of the year. All who may be experiencing the pain of grief; who find the Christmas season a difficult and sad time are welcome to join us for prayers, music and reflection. Refreshments will be served after the service.

3 p.m. – Highlands Wind Symphony 2018 Christmas concert, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Tickets \$10, or \$25/family. Featuring Highlands Wind Symphony and Highlands Swing Band, with guest vocalist Jerelyn Craden. Tickets at Masters Bookstore or Minden Pharmasave. Call or text 705-457-7894 for more info.

Tuesday December 11

11 a.m. – noon – Adult Shinny, at the SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, every Tuesday. Bring your own gear, cost \$2. 1 – 3 p.m. – Dying to Know, Advanced care planning and difficult conversations. Join us in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital to learn about palliative care and how to navigate through challenges. For more info please call Amanda at 705-457-2941 ext 2932.

7 – 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball Tuesday nights at Haliburton High School Gym. Cost is \$2.00. Rackets provided. Bring clean indoor shoes. Everyone welcome. Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

7:30 p.m. – EH! Enviro-Café: screening of "A Plastic Ocean", Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Admission by donation, contact Ryan Sisson for more info 705-854-3355.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Tuesday night dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, and bingo, doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting, third Thursday of the month, March through December starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Cribbage, 1 p.m. start, meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC, Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw, 4 p.m. draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards.

Sundays: Breakfast, second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. - 1p.m., \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

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Dec. 8 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP. If you come out, offer to help sell tickets please.

Dec. 9 L.A. breakfast 9 - noon

Dec. 10 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

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Santa Claus is coming to Wilberforce

Santa Claus comes to Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec. 9 with a parade at 12:30 p.m. The public is then invited to the Lloyd Watson Centre for activities. Children 10 and under can register at the door to receive a gift, a photo with Santa and more. This is sponsored by the Ward 4 volunteer fire department and the Santa Fund Committee. Everyone is welcome to participate in the parade. Call Joan Barton at 705-448-3074 to participate. To contribute to the Santa Fund, contact Roberta Walsh at 705-448-2185. (*Lisa Gervais*)

Blue Christmas offers light and hope

By Lisa Gervais

Some people find Christmas to be a difficult time of the year. They may be experiencing the pain of grief or simply find it a difficult and sad time.

The churches of Haliburton understand this and are continuing their tradition of offering "Light in the Darkness," a Blue Christmas service.

It will be held Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at Lakeside Church.

Jean Schlicklin Tyler said it's a Christian-based service prepared by representatives from various Christian denominations. It will include prayers, music and reflection.

"The merry season of Christmas is progressing in the minds of many at this time of year. For some people it is a sad time of the year when they grieve the loss of a loved one in a significant way. The merry is nowhere to be felt," said Schlicklin Tyler.

She added that sharing the loss as we take time to remember those who have died may help with the pain.

The various churches have been coming together over the past year, with events sponsored by "Church of Haliburton." Pastor Garry Swagerman, a member of the bereavement network with SIRCH, says, "It is comforting to know that you are not alone in your grief."

He is part of a group from "C of H" creating this event with the thought to accompany those who experience loss. Over the years there have been many other groups and individuals that have carried this message of hope and sharing grief as a way to move through the process of alleviating each individual's pain, Schlicklin Tyler said.

"Accompanying someone in the process of grief can be a healing experience even for the person trying to help. Loving your life enough to share with those in need, can give us pause in a stressful time of year filled with expectations. Take some time to reduce the rush of the holiday season and join the community gathering."

Refreshments will be provided after the service.

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Merry Christmas From

Linda Baumgartner & The Haliburton Real Estate Team